

GVARC Net Protocols

1. Sample Scripts:

The decision to use one of the scripts posted on the club web site for any club net is at the discretion of the Net Control Station (NCS). As you'll see below, there are two sample scripts; one for a VHF net, and one for an HF net. These are just samples; feel free to modify them to your own style and preferences as you desire.

2. Early Check Ins:

The decision to take early check ins on any club net is at the discretion of the NCS. It is advisable (but not mandatory) to do so for any HF net in order to hold the frequency.

3. Using NetLogger:

The decision to use NetLogger for any club net is at the discretion of the NCS. NetLogger is freeware and can be very helpful as everyone logged into the net you are controlling can see who is on the net and what their place in the net is. Maybe if you are lucky someone will offer to log for you while you are running the net. Then all you need to do is look at your computer screen and run the net. It is recommended though that the NCS record the check ins on paper as well for a backup in case of problems with Netlogger.

4. No Net Control Station Present:

If you show up for a net, and the scheduled net controller has not arrived or is unable to run the net, please feel free to jump in and assume net control duties. A couple of suggestions:

- a. Please don't try to run a net from Echolink unless there is no other alternative – there are just too many delays and too many disconnects to make it very effective.
- b. Please don't try to run a net using a handheld unless there is no other alternative – issues such as running out of battery mid-net or having a weak signal into the repeater can make for a very difficult net for all concerned.

5. Scheduling of Net Controllers:

Please contact Rick Rogers, K7RCR to get on the schedule. Once you are scheduled for a particular timeslot, please try to keep that commitment, or try to find a replacement yourself. If you're unable to find a replacement, then please contact Rick to sort it out.

6. Always Looking for New Net Controllers:

For those who haven't tried being a net controller before, please consider trying it, and if you want help to get yourself ready, please ask. Help is **ALWAYS** available for **anything** in this club related to amateur radio.

VHF Net Script

This is <Call sign>, and my name is <Name>. I will be net control station for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club <Net Name> VHF Net using the Club call sign N7GV.

The purpose of the net is to test our equipment, practice our radio operating skills, be informed of club activities and share personal experiences.

Non club members are also encouraged to join us.

This is a directed net and participants are expected to follow the instructions of net control.

Net activities will give way to any emergency traffic.

Please check in giving your call sign and name, speaking slowly and using phonetics if appropriate.

Run the net taking check ins from Echolink, then by area or call suffix.
Ask for Club announcements from a Club officer then members.
Read back check ins in the order received asking for their name if it was not given.
Ask for late check ins periodically, ID with N7GV periodically.

Conclude with:

Reminders for the week:

- **Oatmeal net 9 a.m. on Tuesdays on the club repeater**
- **Wednesday morning breakfast at El Rodeo at 7 a.m.**
- **Snowbird net 11 a.m. GV time on Wednesday on or around 14.260.**
- **Thursday morning coffee at Coach's at 7 a.m.**
- **Thursday evening social hour at Coach's at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday evening net at 7p.m. on the cub repeater**

This concludes this session of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club <Net Name>. I'd like to thank everyone for participation in this the net, and

**invite you all to join us again at <TIME> local time next <DAY>. The
GVARC <Net Name> net is now closed and the repeater is returned to
normal operation. N7GV CLEAR.**

HF Net Script

This is N7GV opening the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club <NAME> Net at <TIME> hours Zulu. I am Net Control for the net and my name is <NAME>. My personal call sign is <CALL SIGN> .

At this time we will stand by for any emergency or priority traffic. Is there any emergency or priority traffic on this frequency. Please come now with your call sign and nature of the traffic. This is N7GV, OVER [*Pause for 5-10 seconds*]

[If nothing is heard] **No emergency or priority traffic heard.**

This is a directed net. Stations wishing to check in may do so by stating their call sign and name when the net control asks for check ins and please say them slowly so I make sure I've gotten both. Anyone from anywhere is welcome to join today's net as we use this opportunity to test our radio equipment and skills, and to also catch up on general club activities, and share our own personal activities and events as we enjoy the Southern Arizona life style. Stations are asked to check in first and hold their traffic until instructed to pass their traffic by net control. Stations having emergency or priority traffic may break in at any time. If at any time during this net you wish to contact another station on the net please say your call sign and wait to be recognized by net control. If you hear a station that net control does not respond to, please say RELAY and your call sign and wait to be recognized by net control for the relay.

******* End of Prologue *******

Before we start taking regular check ins, are there any stations with announcements? Please state your call sign so I can get you down and we'll come back and take your announcements in turn.

[Pause for possible response]

Now we'll take check ins from anyone who has not checked in already. If you checked in early there is no need to do so again.

[Wait for responses. When there are no more responses read back the call signs and names in the order received and ask for additional check ins. If someone is logging on NetLogger for you insure Netlogger matches your list]

[If there are stations with announcements or traffic for someone have them pass the announcements or traffic now]

[After all announcements and traffic has been passed call stations in order to let them say what's happening with them. Pause about half way through the list and ask for late check ins After everyone has had a chance ask for late check ins. If there are none ask if there is any additional comments or traffic for the net. If there are none go on to the reminders]

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[Take a last check for any late check ins or traffic]

This concludes this session of the Green Valley Amateur Radio <NAME> net. Thanks everyone for participating in today's net, and I'd like to invite you all to join us again at 11 a.m. local Arizona time next Wednesday. This is N7GV closing the net and returning the frequency to regular service. This is N7GV OUT.